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Applicant(s): Kazuaki ISHIHARA, et al. Confirmation 9383
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ESTER CONDENSED PRODUCT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated September 18, 2007 in which claims 1-28 were subjected to restriction. The applicants provisionally elect to prosecute **Group II** (*i.e.*, claims 17-28), drawn to a catalyst for preparing an ester condensate. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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